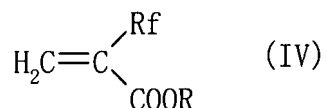
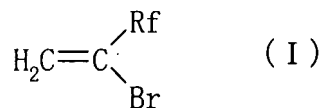


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. **(Currently Amended)** A process for producing a fluorine-containing acrylic acid ester represented by the general formula (IV):

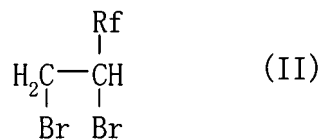


(wherein, Rf represents a perfluoroalkyl group and R represents an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl group), ~~characterized in that~~ which comprises reacting 1-bromo-1-perfluoroalkylethene represented by the general formula (I):

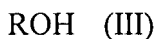


(wherein Rf is as defined above), or

1,2-dibromo-1-perfluoroalkylethane represented by the general formula (II):



(wherein Rf is as defined above) ~~is allowed to react~~ with an alcohol represented by the general formula (III):



(wherein R is as defined above) in the presence of a palladium catalyst, carbon monoxide, and two or more ~~kinds of~~ bases.

2. **(Currently Amended)** The process according to claim 1, wherein at least one ~~kind from~~ of the bases is an inorganic base, an inorganic salt, or an organic metal.

3. **(Currently Amended)** The process according to claim 1, wherein at least one ~~kind from~~ of the bases is ~~amines~~ an amine.

4. **(Currently Amended)** The process according to ~~claim 1,~~ claim 2, wherein the inorganic base, the inorganic salt, or the organic metal is used in ~~such an amount that at least one kind has a molar ratio of 0.001 to 1, relative to the compound represented by the general formula (I) or (II)~~, or the amines is used in such an amount that it has a molar ratio of from 1 to large excess to the compound represented by the general formula (I) or (II).

5. **(Previously Presented)** The process according to claim 1, wherein the alcohol is a straight, branched, or cyclic aliphatic alcohol.

6. **(Currently Amended)** The process according to claim 2, wherein ~~at least one kind from the bases is amines~~ an amine is used as an additional base.

7. **(Cancelled)**

8. **(Currently Amended)** The process according to claim 3, wherein ~~the inorganic base, the inorganic salt, or the organic metal is used in such an amount that at least one kind has a molar ratio of 0.001 to 1, relative to the compound represented by the general formula (I) or (II), or the amines~~ the amine is used in such an amount that it has a molar ratio of from 1 to large excess to at least 1, relative to the compound represented by the general formula (I) or (II).

9. **(Previously Presented)** The process according to claim 2, wherein the alcohol is a straight, branched, or cyclic aliphatic alcohol.

10. **(Previously Presented)** The process according to claim 3, wherein the alcohol is a straight, branched, or cyclic aliphatic alcohol.

11. **(Previously Presented)** The process according to claim 4, wherein the alcohol is a straight, branched, or cyclic aliphatic alcohol.